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Photos this page: students performing at the 2013 Jazz Evening  
Opp. top left: Phill Bullas, Head of Music  
Top right & bottom: Italian Music Tour 2011



## Prince Henry's High School music tour

*Last term, the Music Department at Prince Henry's High School, Evesham raised £2.5k towards their forthcoming Music Tour to Austria & Bavaria. Could your event benefit from their talent and support them?*

He knows they can do it. Not everyone would share Phill Bullas' confidence that a group of 60 state educated teenagers could sing sufficiently well to perform in Salzburg Cathedral, but on 21st July, a

group of 14-18 year olds from Prince Henry's High School will do just that. It's not a goal for the faint hearted; this prestigious venue is usually out of bounds to young people and amateurs, but having heard a CD recording, the authorities there have granted

permission.

This summer sees the third tour that Prince Henry's High School has undertaken in conjunction with Music Europa. In 2009 a group travelled to France and two years ago, they toured northern Italy, the highlight then being the opportunity to sing Mass at St Mark's Basilica, Venice.

"It requires me to be a tough taskmaster," said Phill Bullas, "Week on week, a huge amount of energy and drive goes into multiple rehearsals which produce such a high standard of music at Prince Henry's." As Head of Music, he is supported by his deputy, Naomi Heywood and thirteen peripatetic assistants. 75 pupils are currently studying GCSE Music and 12 have gone

on to A' level. Of these, several are also taking Grade exams to the highest level. The results of such talent and commitment is well received by audiences; the popularity of their biannual musical and other events is such that the waiting list for the last Carol Concert ran to 70 names.

The students are divided into various ensembles including Chamber Choir, Massed Voices, Orchestra, Big Band, Jazz Group, Barber and Barbie Shops. Membership overlaps and several of these groups are run by students bearing testimony to their musicality and motivation.

Several students regularly perform at public and private

functions. Every year, the Jazz Group plays on the main stage at Upton Jazz Festival. For the last three years, 17 - 20 lads in the Barber Shop have performed in Sing Up at the Symphony Hall. Last Christmas, members of the Chamber Choir sang at the Chipping Campden Hotel and for local W.I groups. Funds raised are gratefully received and help offset the high cost of the tour which falls to parents.

**If you would like to support the 2013 Music Tour you can request a performance at your event in return for a generous donation. Please email Chris Jordan, details below, or call the office on 01386 765588.**

To request a booking email [Chris@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Chris@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk)

### CAN YOU HELP PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR MUSIC TOUR?

People love to hear young people perform live. Why not invite a group of talented musicians to perform at your open day, fete, party or community event?

#### PHHS Ensembles include...

- Barber Shop
- Barbie Shop
- Big Band
- Small Jazz Group
- String Quartet
- Chamber Choir
- Massed Voices
- Orchestra
- CD's available £7

The 2013 Music Tour takes place from 17th-24th July. 60 students, 5 staff & a van load of instruments will travel around Bavaria and Austria giving numerous free concerts in public venues and places of worship.

#### Coming Soon...

- Worcester Cathedral  
Saturday 27th April
- Upton Jazz Festival  
Saturday 29th June

